Categories

A category is a means of classifying the pages and other objects of a Tiki website, including blogs, articles, polls, forums, wiki pages, file galleries and trackers. The feature is similar to, but different from tags and structures. Any Tiki object including wiki pages, blog posts, forum topics, calendar, or tracker can be added to one or many categories for content organization and/or object access purposes.

To access

Click the **Categories** icon on the Admin Panel
or
Access **http://example.org/tiki-admin.php?page=category**

Related Topics

- Category User
- PluginCategory

Option	Description	Default
Category	Site-wide content category system. Items of different types (wiki pages, articles, tracker items, etc.) can be categorized. Categories can have permissions to control content access	Disabled
Plugin Category	List categories and objects assigned to them	Enabled
Plugin Category Path	Show the full category path for a wiki page	Enabled
Plugin Category Orphans	List objects that are not categorized	Enabled
Inline plugin Category		Disabled
Inline plugin PluginCategoryTransition		Disabled
Inline plugin Category Orphans		Disabled
Inline plugin Category Path		Disabled
Category path	Show the category tree above the wiki page	Disabled
Exclude these category IDs	Category path won't appear for these category IDs.	None
Category path format	Alter how the category path will be rendered. Links to the category when the category is visible | Text label when the category is visible | Link when visible, text label otherwise | Always display the category path labels	Links to the category when ...

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Sort categories case insensitively	Ignore case and accents when listing categories. Disable to use the "locale" sort settings.	Disabled
Show category objects	Show, at the bottom of the wiki page, objects in the same category	Disabled
Revision approval categories	List of category IDs for which revision approval is required.	None
"More Like This" algorithm for categories		None
Minimum number of categories in common	1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10	2 categories
List objects with most categories in common	No minimum is applied.	Enabled
Maximum number of "more like this" objects	The default maximum records setting for the site is used of this is set to 0.	0 objects
Category transition	Enables transitions for objects between different categories. Transitions will create a document workflow.	Disabled
Plugin PluginCategoryTransition	Display controls to trigger category transitions for any object.	Disabled
Provides the current categories to Smarty templates	When enabled, the $objectCategoryIds variable is set to the identifiers of the categories of the object being viewed. This allows showing alternate content depending on the categories of the current object, but reduces performance.	Disabled
Categories to add as CSS classes to <body>	Pages in selected categories will have a class with syntax like "cat_catname" added to the body tag.	None
Excluded categories	List of category IDs to exclude from the search index	None
Clear cache upon category change	A cache is used to avoid having to fetch all categories from the database every time; this clears the cache when an object is categorized to keep the count up to date. *Can slow saving objects on sites with a lot of categories. You may need to manually clear caches to update category object counts.*	Enabled

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Generate custom facets from categories	Comma-separated list of category IDs.	None
Areas	Binding categories and perspectives to each other	Disabled
Areas root category ID	ID of category whose child categories are bound to a perspective by areas	0
Category filter		Disabled
Category jail	Limits the visibility of objects to those in these category IDs. Used mainly for creating workspaces from perspectives. *This should only be set for perspectives, and not globally.*	None
Category jail root	Always display categories outside of the jail root, which would be for normal categorization.	0
Category defaults	Require certain categories to be present. If none of the categories in a given set is provided, assign a category by default. Use *7 to specify all the categories in the subtree of 7 + category 7. Can do only this for objectname matching the regex (Example: / RND_/ = name beginning by RND_)(Optional) Can do for wiki only (optional). Rename will only reassign the categories for wiki pages. *One per line, for example: 1,4,6,*7/4:/ RND_/:wiki page*	None
Automatically geocode items with this category	Automatically geocode items based on category name when categorized in the sub-categories of this category ID	None
Replace any existing geocode	When automatically geocoding items based on category name, replace existing geocode, if any	Disabled
Use approximate geocode location	When automatically geocoding items based on category name, use randomly approximated location instead of precise location	Disabled

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Synchronize multilingual categories	Make sure that the categories of the translations are synchronized when modified on any version. None | Only those specified | All but those specified	None
Synchronized categories	List of categories affected by the multilingual synchronization. Depending on the parent feature, this list will be used as a white list (the only categories allowed) or as a black list (all categories allowed except those specified).	None
Workspace root category	ID of the root category containing all workspaces. *This value is automatically managed and should not need to be modified manually.*	0
Default domain for non categorized content	The domain (hostname only) to be used when redirecting the user if he tries to read content that is not bound to the category/perspective configured for the current domain.	None
Limit wiki page categories to those under this category	If an error message indicates a mandatory category is required when editing a wiki page, set this option to "None". None | All | Archived | Editorial Board Meeting | Files example | Keywords | Retired | Status | Status::3.In Progress | Templates | Versions | Versions::1.x | Versions::10.x | Versions::11.x | Versions::12.x | Versions::13.x | Versions::14.x | Versions::15.x | Versions::16.x | Versions::17.x | Versions::18.x | Versions::2.x | Versions::3.x | Versions::4.x | Versions::5.x | Versions::6.x | Versi...	None
Limit blog categories to those under this category	If you get an error message indicating a mandatory category is required when editing a blog post, this is the option to blame. Set it to None. None | All | Archived | Editorial Board Meeting | Files example | Keywords | Retired | Status | Status::3.In Progress | Templates | Versions | Versions::1.x | Versions::10.x | Versions::11.x | Versions::12.x | Versions::13.x | Versions::14.x | Versions::15.x | Versions::16.x | Versions::17.x | Versions::18.x | Versions::2.x | Versions::3.x | Versions::4.x | Versions::5.x | Versions::6.x | Versi...	None
Use unified search in category admin	Use unified search to find objects to add to categories. This limits the types of objects available to those included in the unified index.	Disabled

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Automatically select the theme-control category of the current theme when categorizing	When creating or editing an object, automatically select the category that matches the theme-control category of the current theme	Disabled
Parent category of theme control categories	Choose the parent category of categories used for theme control None | Archived (35) | Editorial Board Meeting (10) | Files example (13) | Keywords (12) | Retired (34) | Status (1) | 3.In Progress (4) | Templates (33) | Versions (14) | 1.x (15) | 10.x (24) | 11.x (25) | 12.x (26) | 13.x (27) | 14.x (28) | 15.x (29) | 16.x (30) | 17.x (31) | 18.x (32) | 2.x (16) | 3.x (17) | 4.x (18) | 5.x (19) | 6.x (20) | 7.x (21) | 8.x (22) | 9.x (23)	Disabled
Store session variable for current theme	Store a session variable for current theme so that it can be used for auto-selecting a category when categorizing	Disabled
Categorize tracker item	Enable the tracker item to be categorized in one or more categories under the specified main category.	Enabled
Index Tracker Category names	Index the names and paths of category field values *Requires reindexing*	Disabled
Include category selector in forum list	Include a dropdown selector in the forum list to choose a category for the post.	Disabled
Forum post categories	Categories available in the category picker for forum posts.	None
Categories		Disabled
Categories path		Disabled
Ignore category viewing restrictions	Display items the user may not be entitled to view in search results. *Will improve performance, but may show forbidden results*	Disabled
Show category object count	Show object count when browsing categories, complying with search and type filters *Can slow the loading of the categories page on large sites.*	Enabled

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Show categories	For polls that are categorized, the category is displayed.	Disabled
Categorize structure pages together	Place new pages of a structure in the same category as the structure's root page	Disabled

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Category path	Show the category tree above the wiki page	Disabled
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Sort categories case insensitively	Ignore case and accents when listing categories. Disable to use the "locale" sort settings.	Disabled
Show category objects	Show, at the bottom of the wiki page, objects in the same category	Disabled
"More Like This" algorithm for categories	| Basic | Weighted	None
Minimum number of categories in common	1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10	2 categories
List objects with most categories in common	No minimum is applied.	Enabled
Maximum number of "more like this" objects	The default maximum records setting for the site is used of this is set to 0.	0 objects

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Category transition	Enables transitions for objects between different categories. Transitions will create a document workflow.	Disabled
Provides the current categories to Smarty templates	When enabled, the $objectCategoryIds variable is set to the identifiers of the categories of the object being viewed. This allows showing alternate content depending on the categories of the current object, but reduces performance.	Disabled
Categories to add as CSS classes to <body>	Pages in selected categories will have a class with syntax like "cat_catname" added to the body tag.	None
Clear cache upon category change	A cache is used to avoid having to fetch all categories from the database every time; this clears the cache when an object is categorized to keep the count up to date. ⚠ *Can slow saving objects on sites with a lot of categories. You may need to manually clear caches to update category object counts.*	Enabled
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Limit wiki page categories to those under this category	If an error message indicates a mandatory category is required when editing a wiki page, set this option to "None". None	None
Limit blog categories to those under this category	If you get an error message indicating a mandatory category is required when editing a blog post, this is the option to blame. Set it to None. None	None
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Limit wiki page categories to those under this category	If an error message indicates a mandatory category is required when editing a wiki page, set this option to "None". None	None
Limit blog categories to those under this category	If you get an error message indicating a mandatory category is required when editing a blog post, this is the option to blame. Set it to None. None	None
Limit image gallery categories to those under this category	None	None

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General description

Categories are often used to control access to different sets of content. Setting permissions for a category will **override** global permissions for objects in that category.

Example: A "public" category for anonymous users. If the global permissions in Tiki are set such that anonymous users cannot see wiki pages, then you can define a category called *public*, which does allow the group anonymous users to view the content. Then by adding a wiki page to category *public* - this page will now be visible without logging in.

Categories can also be used to aid navigation or create a taxonomy of objects. Categories are a tool that persists for all features, not just for wiki or articles or trackers. Depending on the settings, category listings can be displayed in a side module, above or below the content. Menus, modules and structures are also used for navigation, and categories for access control. Articles also use topics for classification.

Key Functioning and sub-features

- Organize categories in a tree hierarchy with unlimited subcategories.
- Assign objects to one or many categories
- Administrators can apply different permissions to different categories.
- Administrators can apply different themes to different categories.
- Deep search into subcategories from the category browser
- On wiki pages, you can show the category path and/or show objects in the same category(ies)
- Manage Category Transitions

Category Permissions

The way that category permissions work has changed substantially over time.

Up to version 1.9.11, a user with edit permission for a type of object is allowed to edit any object which they can view. In version 2.0 the *tiki_p_edit_categorized* permission allows editing of objects with the

user's categories. See also *Categories Details*.

Starting in Tiki4, all permissions can be added to categories, and Category Transitions are introduced.

By changing the theme from one category to the next it is possible to create visually distinct "zones" in a Tiki site.

Related Plugins

- PluginCategory - creates a table of contents using categories.
- PluginCatPath - creates a "breadcrumbs" trail
- PluginCatorphans - displays uncategorized pages.

Related Modules

- Module change_category Powerful display and modifications of the category of the current object.
- Module categories Displays category tree.

Related Links

- Category User - explains how to navigate and search categories
- Category Admin - how to set up categories, and apply themes and permissions
- Categories Details - plugins, tweaks and other technical details.

Alias

- Categories
- Category Tree
- Facet
- Facets
- Faceted classification
- Categories Admin

Related external links
http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Faceted_classification